

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Intention for DECEMBER 2025:



FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

† ST. JOSEPH †



December 28, 2025

10:00 a.m. Frank Brazinski, Sr.

Tuesday, December 30

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass

Wednesday, December 31

7:50 a.m. Rosary

8:15 a.m. December Celebrants

Thursday, January 1, 2026

New Year's Day

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary

10:00 a.m. St. Joseph Family

First Friday, January 2

8:15 a.m. Dorothy Cirilla

8:45 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

† ST. MARY † OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday: 8:15 a.m. Mass

Thursday: 8:15 a.m. Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Mass

† ST. FRANCIS XAVIER †

Sunday: 12:15 p.m. Spanish Mass



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 07 Valerie Palmer

Dec. 10 Gwen Lehr

Dec. 16 Ken Flamm

Dec. 18 Brenda Masden

Dec. 19 Claire Flamm

Dec. 21 Daniel Pineau

Dec. 26 Anna Rodgers

Dec. 27 Tess Brummer

Dec. 28 Joe Brumleve

Dec. 28 Mark Haddick

Dec. 24 Guillermo V Salgado

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Today we celebrate the Feast of **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**. According to catholic.org, "The Christian family is the first cell of the whole Christian Church. It is the place where we begin the journey toward holiness and learn to become more fully human. The Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, became one of us. He was born into a human family. That was neither accidental nor incidental. There, in what the late Pope Paul VI called the School of Nazareth, we can learn the way of love." *Let us pray for all Families!*



PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Dear Lord, Bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth. *Saint Joseph, pray for the head of our family.* Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care. *Mother Mary, pray for the mother of our family.* Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be. *Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family.* Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and strength and grace before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth, by your intercession, love, and holy example, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. *Amen.*

BLESSINGS TO OUR DECEMBER CELEBRANTS: *Father Uriel Ordination, Joe Brumleve, Patrick Brumleve, Seirra Brumleve, Tess Brummer, Claire Flamm, Ken Flamm, Mark Haddick, Gwen Lehr, Brenda Masden, Tom Masden, Valerie Palmer, Daniel Pineau, Anna Rodgers, Guillermo Salgado, Chris Stadelbacher, Alex Sweitzer, and John Winzenburger.* The Parish prays for YOU!

Congratulations to **KEN FLAMM, SHERRY HADDICK** (both back for a second 3-year term) and **BRIAN SAPP** for being elected into the Parish Council! St. Joseph Family thanks you, Ken, Sherry and Brian, for your willingness to serve in the Council.

The Centennial Newsletter December 2025 issue is here! This month features **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE and the St. Joe Hispanic Family!** Pick up your copy and learn more about our church home and its members.

M I N I S T R Y S C H E D U L E

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY, DEC. 28, 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Sherry Haddick

EM: Liv Cerny, Maria Carmona, Lori Cohen

NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1, 10:00 a.m.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 10:00 a.m.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Lector: Mark Haddick

EM: Lori Cohen, Gary Wiggs

Sacrament of RECONCILIATION: Wednesday & Friday after Mass and by appointment

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH

The deadline to submit an announcement for the BULLETIN is Thursday evening. You may email it to: stjoeccbdenLV23@gmail.com and/or stjosephscobden@gmail.com. For questions, please call or text Luisa at (618) 967-4452.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

DECEMBER 21, 2025

General Total	\$2,115.00
Offering	\$1,920.00
For the Needy	\$25.00
Retired Religious	\$20.00
Imma. Conception	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Cemetery Fund	\$85.00

*Thank you for supporting
St. Joseph Church!*

PRAYERS OF PETITION

Those in the Military (Active Duty): Scott Bourne, Aaron Cerny, Katie Eck, John Russell, Lauren Sweitzer, Devin Vitt

Those in Need of Healing: AYB, Alan & EJ Anderson, Paulette Aronson, Jack Bailey, Marvin B, Brian, Rachel, Dan Cirilla & Family, Cade Cohen, Ray & Paula Eaton, Regina Fuse, Ryker Gillan & Family, Jake Harris, Sue Hayden, Mark, F. Johnson, Shawn Knupp, Mary Martin, Cari Hatley Marx, Stan McGee, Sheron Pearson, Dominic Pedrotty & Family, Hannah Perez, Bonnie del Rosario, TR, Zetta Ramsey, Vicki Sadler, Donna Shannon, Linda Spray, Charlie Stadelbacher, Margie Stadelbacher, C. Timms, F. Tuliao, Carrie Turner, Reed Uekman, Tia Villarreal, Wacker Family, Monica Wiley, Tiffany Woolf

Those in the Nursing Home: Jo Cerny, Larry Flamm, Raymond Flamm, Mike McCleland

Eternal rest grant unto DOROTHY, o Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her! We commend into your hands, our sister, **DOROTHY CIRILLA**, 84, who passed away Tuesday, December 16, 2025. And to her husband, Dan, stepchildren - Vito, Daniel Jr., Angela with their families, grandson - Benjamin, extended relatives and friends, our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to you. May God's love give you comfort and hope during this difficult time. *Dorothy, you always had time to speak with anyone and everyone and shared your love of art. Both you and Dan always made sure that fellow parishioners and visitors felt welcome at Mass - thank you! Your St. Joseph Family, especially those who call you Mom and Grandma, will miss you. Rest in peace!* St. Joseph, our patron, please pray for Dorothy!

For her obituary, please go to: www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com/obituary/Dorothy-Cirilla

St. Joe TIDBITS: For **MASS INTENTION** requests, especially during the season of Christmas, there are special **ENVELOPES** available in the Information wall unit located at the back of the church. You may drop them in the collection basket or give them to Father Uriel. Let us continue to offer the **GIFT OF MASS** for our dearly departed. The **2026 DONATION ENVELOPES** are now available! Please check and take your assigned box. If you are a new parishioner or can't find a box with your name on it, please take an unmarked box and write your information on the first envelope you drop into the collection basket during Mass. For questions, please contact Karl Sweitzer. **2026 CALENDARS**, rosaries and Catholic reading materials *are available and free for you* at the back of the church. Please check it out.

Can you believe it is already 2026 this Thursday? With **NEW YEAR'S DAY**, we celebrate the **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD!** *"The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace."*

To learn more, please visit <https://divinemercyparish.org/solemnity-of-mary-mother-of-god>. Let us celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation with a 10:00 a.m. St. Joe Mass. **HAPPY NEW YEAR, ST. JOSEPH FAMILY!**

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